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SUBJECT: JOINT U.S./AUSTRALIAN EXERCISE, KANGAROO I

REF: CANBERRA 0204

1. THE DEPARTMENT CONVEYED USG AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN KANGAROO I BY NOTE 13 DECEMBER 1973. THE OPERATIVE
PORTION OF THAT NOTE READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES THE RECEIPT OF
THE NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA DATED OCTOBER 4, 1973,
REGARDING UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE KANGAROO I
EXERCISE.

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THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMBINED EXERCISE INVOLVING THE ARMED FORCES OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE UNITED STATES SOMETIME DURING MAY/JUNE 1974 AT THE SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA IN QUEENSLAND. WHILE THE SPECIFICS OF THE EXERCISE WOULD BE WORKED OUT AT THE PLANNING LEVEL BETWEEN THE MILITARY SERVICES OF THESE COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES IS CONSIDERING PROVIDING:

A. AN AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN LANDING, COMBATANT, AND SUPPORT SHIPS.

B. A MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT CONSISTING OF A BATTALION LANDING TEAM, WITH ASSOCIATED ARTILLERY, TRACKED VEHICLES, HELICOPTERS, AND OTHER SUPPORT ELEMENTS.

C. AN ARMY COMPANY OR LARGER UNIT.

AS PLANS FOR THE EXERCISE ARE DEVELOPED, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INVITING REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEATO MEMBER NATIONS SUCH AS THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES TO OBSERVE THE EXERCISE."

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2. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY BY PHONE THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT OBJECT TO BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN THE EXERCISE IF THE AUSTRALIANS DESIRED TO INVITE THEM. REGRET WE DID NOT GET THIS TO YOU AS SOON AS IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY HERE. RUSH

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